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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir,

This responds to the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2008.

Applicant petitions for a 3-month extension of time, thereby moving the deadline for responding to the Office Action from June 14, 2008 to September 14, 2008 (a Sunday). The appropriate fee to obtain a 3-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action will be paid at the time of electronic filing.

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